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Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181 to Correct Application Papers (3 pages)

Exhibit A Cover Sheet (1 page)

Fee Transmittal dated May 21, 2004 (1 page)

Fax History Report dated May 21, 2004 (1 page)

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Serial No.: 09/744,170

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Petition Under 37 CFR §1.181 to Correct Application Papers

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

August 19, 2004

Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and allow the application to be issued as the Issue Fee was timely paid. Further Applicants petition the Commissioner for a patent term extension, in light of the serious delays encountered during prosecution of this case that were not at the fault of the Applicants or their attorneys. Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334.

Attorney Docket No.: O-1998.393 US

II. Petition

A. Background Facts

1. On or about February 25, 2004, Applicants attorney received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due.
2. After getting authorization to pay the issue fee, on or about May 21, 2004, Applicant's attorney, William P. Ramey, III, properly and timely paid the issue fee. The Fee transmittal page, fax cover page and proof of fax page are attached as Exhibit A.
3. On or about August 11, 2004, Applicant's attorney received a Notice of Abandonment from the USPTO. The Notice is dated July 27, 2004. The Notice stated that the reason for abandonment was Applicant's failure to pay the issue fee.

B. Argument and Request

Applicant, by and through its attorney, William P. Ramey, III, assert that they have properly and timely paid the issue fee, the proof of which is attached as Exhibit A. There is no question that Applicant's attorney transmitted the issue fee, by facsimile on May 21, 2004. A Certificate of Transmission dated May 21, 2004 and signed by William P. Ramey, III is on the issue fee transmittal. The issue fee transmittal authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account 02-2334 for the issue fee. Lastly, the authorized signature of William P. Ramey, III is on the Issue fee transmittal.

In light of this evidence, Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office withdraw the holding of abandonment, restore the term of the patent for the time lost during this incorrect holding of abandonment, and allow the case to issue. The issue fee was properly and timely paid.